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Letter of Comment

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Proceeding name

Fortis BC Request to update its NetMetering Tariff, Project # 3698875

Are you currently registered as an intervener or interested party?

Yes, interested party

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Date:

May 15, 2016

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To The BCUC Commission Secretary

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Regarding Fortis BC Request to update its Net Metering Tariff, Project # 3698875

I am asking you to reject Fortis BC request to only pay 4.518cents (approx. 50% of what they charge same residents) and instead in all fairness demand that Fortis BC pay at least 80% of what they charge the same residential Solar producers averaged on an annual basis.

I am a residential Solar producer. My 66 panels are capable of producing 18 kWh but have never produced more than 12kWh due to their configuration. Fortis BC engineers have told me that according to code I can install an amount of panels capable of 50 kWh.

I, a residential Solar producer, paid about \$ 60 000 to install my 66 panels. I purchased the equipment and did most of the installation myself with the final wiring and hook-ups done professionally. I produce an amount of power somewhat less than the amount of power I personally use in a year. However, through reconfiguring my panels and with some additions I plan to produce more power than I can use. I summer I produce more than I use and feed the excess to Fortis BC and in winter due to cloud cover in the Okanagan and shorter day light I produce less and purchase more to run my home.

The way it is now Fortis BC benefits greatly because they have my excess power when they most need it, summer time when all air conditioners are running. My power produced locally does not have to be transmitted long distances saving Fortis BC transmission cost losses. If in summer it becomes cloudy and I send less to Fortis BC at the same time other peoples' air conditioning are turned down. Local residential Solar producer are matching our production with high power use in peak times in the Okanagan, definitely benefitting Fortis BC.

In winter cloudy times when we purchase power from Fortis BC they sell us cheaper power they have purchased on a steady long term contract from hydro projects and the like. In this way Fortis BC is having an advantage by receiving excess power from residential producers when they most need it and selling to us residential Solar producers power at times when the demand is low. Fortis BC is asking the BCUC for permission to pay residential Solar producers only about 50% it charges those residents.

Right now, in 2016, Fortis BC pays for power recovered from me the same amount they charge me for power received from them. Under the circumstances with the world screaming for clean power (my system has saved more than 130 000 pounds of CO2 going into the atmosphere in only three years) that is reasonable. However, Fortis BC is a corporation in business to make money and they are not interested in the common good and for them to pay 80% compensation for kWh would be very reasonable. I ask that you modify Fortis BC's demand and mandate that Fortis BC pay at least 80% of the annual rate they charge the same residents for power for the year concerned. The 20% difference between buy and sell will offset any cost incurred by Fortis BC. Summer Solar power will help Fortis BC during peak power demand times and at the same time the 80% remuneration to Solar power providers will help pay down the capital cost incurred by the resident for the installation of the solar panels, in my case 15 to 20 years.

In conclusion I request that BCUC modify Fortis BC's demand to compensate residential Solar power producers only 50% , i.e. 4.518 cents to an amount equal of 80% of the rate they charged averaged over the past year. I agree that Fortis BC should pay that compensation that they are requesting for the previous year in January on an annual basis.

Yours sincerely,
James T Moore

